



- * = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude – Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**L: We confess our sins before God and
one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Merciful God...

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Christ came into the world and showed us how to live, but we have failed to live by what he taught. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we have not done to others as we would have done to ourselves. Shine a light on our hearts, that we might turn from the shadows of our sin and walk in your ways.

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. By his abundant love, all your sins are forgiven, that you might walk in the light of Christ.

C: Amen.

* Hymn of Praise



“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
LBW 499

*** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LBW 499**

**1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.**

*** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LBW 499**

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:

**"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

*** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LBW 499**

**3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Loving God, in Jesus you proclaim a blessing for those in deprivation, a promise of your transforming love. Make us instruments of your justice, that all might have life abundantly.

C: Amen.



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* **Scripture Reading**

R: Our scripture reading for this day is from the Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you O' Lord!
(Spoken)

*** Matthew 5:1-20**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will

*** Matthew 5:1-20**

inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for

*** Matthew 5:1-20**

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its

*** Matthew 5:1-20**

saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and

*** Matthew 5:1-20**

give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches

*** Matthew 5:1-20**

others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

- **Matthew 5:1-20**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ
(Spoken)



Sermon

* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

* APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

* APOSTLE'S CREED

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: Merciful God,

The congregation will respond with:

C: You hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: United into one body, let us pray as Jesus taught...

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as
it is in heaven.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever and
ever. Amen.**

A word cloud featuring the word "Blessed" in the largest, central font. Other prominent words include "kingdom", "persecuted", "heaven", "God", "righteousness", and "kingdom". Smaller words scattered around include "spirit", "utter", "mercy", "children", "earth", "speak", "came", "mountain", "prophets", "people", "evil", "hunger", "called", "crowds", "reward", "thirst", "inherit", "glad", "saying", "filled", "poor", "heart", "way", "sake", "mourn", "taught", "see", "receive", "began", "persecute", "disciples", "Jesus", "account", "merciful", "falsely", "sat", "Rejoice", "revile", "saw", "comforted", "great", "pure", "meek", "went", "crowds", "reward", "thirst", "inherit", "glad", "saying", "filled", "poor", "heart", "way", "sake", "mourn", "taught", "see", "receive", "began", "persecute", "disciples", "Jesus", "account", "merciful", "falsely", "sat", "Rejoice", "revile", "saw", "comforted", "great", "pure", "meek", "went".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless, ✚ strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

* **This Little Light of Mine**

ELW 677

**1 This little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine,
let it shine,
let it shine.**

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2 Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine,
let it shine,
let it shine.

* This Little Light of Mine

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3 Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine,
let it shine,
let it shine.

* **DISMISSAL**

P: ... depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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